(c) the steps taken to protect the interest of cotton growers there?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): (a) There is no such report.

(b) During the current cotton season, as the market prices of kapas in Orissa for all varieties of kapas are ruling well above the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs), the support price operation has not been undertaken so far.

(c) Government have taken several steps to protect the interests of cotton growers in the country including the state of Orissa; important ones are declaration of Minimum Support Price (MSP), release of cotton export quota, and launching of Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC).

Introduction of visa-on arrival scheme

*477. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether, with a view to boost tourism, Government are considering a scheme under which visa-on arrival to select countries will be introduced;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when, this scheme is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) A proposal of the Ministry of Tourism to gant visa-on arrival to individual foreign tourists from a few selected countries was examined in this Ministry but could not be agreed to mainly due to security considerations. However, the Ministry of Tourism have requested the Ministry of Home Affairs to re-consider the proposal and a joint meeting is proposed to be held soon.